Nigeria. Services of Air India to Nigeria remain suspended since 25th August, 1987.

(f) Efforts are made on a continuous basis to improve flight services to the Gulf and African Regions by:

(i) providing timings that are more suitable for the travellers.

(ii) providing more capacity on days when there is more demand. This is either done by introducing new flights or by operating the larger capacity B747 aircraft instead of an airbus aircraft.

(iii) additional flights have been introduced to Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Jeddah and Kuwait.

Promotional avenues of Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers

3029. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the avenues for promotion of teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas, collectively labelled as Others;

(b) whether All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association has demanded a better deal for these teachers' promotions; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association in its charter of demands has *inter alia* demanded better promotional opportunities for various miscellaneous categories of teachers.

The revised pay scales announced for school teachers working in Union Territories, Kendriya Vidyalayas, etc. are applicable to miscellaneous/allied category of teachers, like music teachers, drawing teachers, art teachers, craft teachers, vocational guidance instructors physical education teachers, languages teachers or equivalent teaching posts carrying any other designation. In the revised pay scales, there is provision for senior scale and selection scale which would be granted after every 12 years of service, subject to fulfilment of certain conditions. The revised pay scale would, ensure that each teacher would ordinarily get two promotions in his/her career. There is no proposal to further revise these pay scales.

First meeting of staff council under JCM scheme of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

3030. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first meeting of Staff Council under JCM Scheme of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan was held on the 7th March, 1988;

(b) whether the agenda for the meeting was circulated, if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) what business the said Staff Council conducted and who were the participants;

(d) whether any of the recognised associations objected to the holding of this meeting; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Sangathan held the meeting despite protests from various quarters, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The meeting of the newly constituted JCM held on 7-3-1988 was a preliminary one to evolve procedural rules for conduct of business. Accordingly, no agenda papers were sent in advance. This